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The Chanticleer/Rebecca Sproles

## A crowning achievement

Amber Reid is crowned Miss Jacksonville State University 2002 last Saturday at the Leone Cole Auditorium.

## Trustees oppose central control

By Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU's Board of Trustees voted unanimously Monday to voice opposition to efforts by state legislators in Montgomery to bring the state's colleges and universities under the central control of a board of regents.

The vote came during the board's regular quarterly meeting at Houston Cole Library. JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan told the board that the state Senate had created a committee "to study and produce innovative recommendations for improving the governance of higher education in Alabama."

The committee, called the Joint Interim Legislative Committee on Higher Education Governance, was created during last month's special legislative session while politicians were attempting to solve the state's

education funding crisis. It's members come from the state's education, political and business communities.

JSU Trustee Jim Bennett, who also serves as Alabama's secretary of state and is running for election as lieutenant governor, said JILCHEG's purpose is to bring the state's colleges under central control. In theory this would relegate each school's board of trustees, groups appointed by the governor to oversee the operation of the institutions, into an advisory role.

"What the proposal is, is to have a board of regents that would control every institution of higher learning," Bennett said. "That would be a move to centralize control at a time all across this country when there is a move to decentralize government. So I think this is step in the wrong direction."

George F. Landegger, a New York businessman tapped to

head the committee, has expressed disapproval of the state's boards of trustees. "The trustees have demonstrated dominant, aggressive, dictatorial power and view their roles as parochial," he told The Anniston Star last week.

Bennett said he thinks such central control would be detrimental to JSU. "I think if you're all lumped in the same pot, obviously there are certain political and numerical considerations that would work to Jacksonville State's disadvantage. Who would get the attention? Alabama and Auburn.

"We think this system works well for our state," Bennett said. "What works well in Georgia might not work in the state of Alabama. We think an independent college board system provides the competitive edge that we need to keep our universities strong. I don't

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## JSU mourns the passing of history professor Dr. Rayford B. Taylor

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Dec. 27, Dr. Rayford B. Taylor, a professor from JSU's history and foreign languages department died at his home. According to a University press release, Taylor, who was 64 years old, was buried at Highland Cemetery.

His obituary in the Anniston Star said that Taylor's survivors include four aunts, Myrtle Johnson, Emmea Carter, Evelyn Taylor and Beatrice Boles; an uncle, Maurice Boles; and 11 cousins, Jo Ann Shell, Jeanette Clack, Karen Thomas, Karl Johnson, Sarah Taylor, Linda Taylor, Pamela Taylor, Brigetter Taylor,

Elaine Boles, Earl Boles and Raymond Boles.

The Anniston Star also said Taylor lived in Piedmont for most of his life and had taught at JSU for 39 years.

According to JSU's history department Web site, Taylor received his B.A. from Birmingham Southern, his master's from the University of Virginia and his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

The site said that Taylor's research and teaching fields consisted of Colonial America; Russia since 1855; American Survey; and Northeast Alabama's society and culture. Also he "was working on a research project about the architectural her-

itage of Calhoun and Cherokee counties in Alabama."

Mary Stokesberry, of the history and foreign languages department, said Taylor "really loved colonial history and he was very interested in local history. He just knew anything and everything about this region, all the way up to Cherokee County and all the way around."

Stokesberry also said Taylor, "loved southern architecture. He loved the genealogy of the South."

According to Stokesberry, Taylor was always available and helpful to his students. She explained that she had an advantage and had been one

of his students when she was getting her master's degree. Her children and daughter-in-law had classes with him as well.

"He was just a delightful person," said Stokesberry. "He could make you laugh. He was a one of a kind. There's no way to find another one just like him."

According to the history department's site, "His recent passing was unexpected. All of us in the Department of History and Foreign Languages will miss his engaging stories and sagacious personality."

The history department's Web site also said, "It was with great sympathy for his



Courtesy The Mimosa

Dr. Rayford B. Taylor.

family and friends that we began the Spring semester, 2002. His colleagues and students will remember him fondly for years to come."

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## JSU student's cars: targets for criminals

By Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Criminals struck students' cars in local apartment parking lots in the early morning hours last Thursday, according to police reports.

A red 1989 Chrysler LeBaron was reported to Jacksonville Police as stolen on Thursday morning. The owner, a JSU student, said the car was stolen from Jacksonville Place Apartments sometime between 4:30 and 10:50 that morning.

Jacksonville Police said the car was found by Monday in the Bibb Graves Hall parking lot with no signs of forced entry or hot-wiring.

The same morning, three car stereos and other items were stolen from students' cars parked at Coliseum Apartments, and another student there reported that someone attempted to break into his trunk. Another stereo and CDs were stolen from a student's car parked at an apartment on Oak Avenue.

Jacksonville Police

Investigator Fred Morrow said his office currently has no leads on the thefts, but that he suspects a group of two more worked together to pull off the crimes at Coliseum Apartments.

Morrow said that police have better luck catching criminals in theft cases when victims know the serial numbers of the stolen property. He also said that victims should contact police at the first sign of criminal activity. "If something looks suspicious, there's probably something going on."

## Services to be held for sophomore

Services for Meghan Rebecca Anniston Star. Baxter was a Antoinette Baxter, 19, of JSU sophomore. The family Alexandria will be Friday at 1 will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. p.m. at Anniston Memorial this evening at the funeral Funeral Home, according to the home.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Delta Zeta:** Congratulations to the winners of the Miss JSU Pageant and our very own Kimber Merrill. Good luck to everyone this semester. Good luck Amanda and Tiffany this weekend. We love our new sisters! Awards of the week: Tiny Turtle: Courtney, Twisted: Allison, Support: Ashley, Alumnae: Denise McCullars, C.C.: Emily Stephens. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn lamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com.

•**JAAEYC:** The first meeting of the spring semester will be on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Our guest speaker will be Mike Looney, principal of Weaver Elementary School. **Contact:** Diane Hall, 435-3648, MsDianesWorld@cs.com.

•**JSU's Little River Canyon Field School** offers the following programs: Pinhoti Trail Hike, January 26; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$15/person; Winter Canyon Hike, February 9; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$15/person; Archaeology Dig, March 9; 9am - 3pm, \$15/person. Special 10% winter discount with valid JSU I.D. **Contact:** Tatiana C. Tatum, ttatum@jsucc.jsu.edu, 782-5697.

•**Phi Mu** is proud of our sisters for having the No. 1 grades again! We look forward to our "Mash Bash" mixer with ATO tonight. Congrats to Jennifer A. on her recent engagement! Happy birthday Jenny (Tuesday)! Phi Mu Ladies of the Week: Jenny Early and Katie Clifton. Sunshine award: Lisa King. **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

•**Student Health Center:** The physician will not be in the clinic on Monday, Jan. 28. He will return on Tuesday, Jan. 29 between 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The physician will be in the clinic on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. He will not be available on Friday, Feb. 8. **Contact:** Student Health Center, 782-5310.

•**Up 'Til Dawn:** This year's St. Jude's fundraiser is drawing near, and Up 'Til Dawn needs student teams to participate in the Feb. 1 event. UTD provides a way to get involved, meet people and make a difference. **Contact:** UTD office 782-8054.

•**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Congratulations to our new Miss JSU Amber Reid (we love you!), as well as to all the pageant's participants for their evident hard work. Good luck to the basketball team this week, as well as to all JSU students as you continue with the new semester. **Contact:** Amy Yancy, 782-6192.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

## CAMPUS CRIME

- Nov. 6 — JSUPD reported criminal mischief occurring at Salls Hall.
- Nov. 6 — Pam Key reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Houston Cole Library.
- Nov. 17 — Antoinette L. Hill, of Jacksonville, reported domestic violence assault to JSUPD occurring at Jax Apartments.
- Nov. 25 — Thomas Teatric, of Jacksonville, reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at Penn Apartments.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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see that this is a problem that needs fixing. It's not broken."

Meehan pointed out Georgia's board of regents and the State University of West Georgia, located in Carrollton, as an example of the pitfalls of central control. "Look at West Georgia's campus," he said. "There is a fence around a building right next to the main administrative building that has been there now for at least two years while they've been trying to get that facility renovated. They (SUWG) and all the other institutions in Georgia are in a pecking order. I don't think that we need to be in that type of pecking order."

Meehan said he prefers the current system in place in Alabama. "By having our own board of trustees we can establish our own priorities, set our own agendas, which are all audited through the state of Alabama and meet the criteria of the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools.

"I think we would lose a great deal of our autonomy and a great deal of our individuality," Meehan said. "I don't want to be just a member of a system, I want to be Jacksonville State University."

Bennett echoed those comments. "This is a unique and special institution that has its own mission, and it's not exactly the same as another institution in this state, and it shouldn't be."

JILCHEG requested last week that each of the state's colleges and universities send a trustee to provide a six-minute presentation to the committee yesterday. JSU's board voted to send Bennett as its representative

Bennett couldn't say on Monday what his six-minute presentation would consist of, but indicated that it would express the JSU Board of Trustees' opposition to centralized, statewide control.

## Trustees discuss changes for JSU's campus

By Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU's Board of Trustees discussed several projects affecting the way JSU will look in years to come at its regular quarterly meeting on Monday.

The board voted to complete the purchase of a building on the former Fort McClellan, and to share the cost of renovation with Gadsden State Community College. JSU will own the building, numbered 3181, and sub-lease a portion of it to GSCC. Each school would use its portion of the building for different purposes. According to board member Bob Kennamer, GSCC may move its entire Anniston branch from the current facility in downtown Anniston to the Fort McClellan site.

As part of the same motion, the board voted to move ahead with upgrade plans for Ayers Hall. The former home of the biology department will under-

go \$8 million in renovations beginning in May, and is scheduled to be complete by the fall of 2004.

The plans include the addition of a new east wing. When complete, Ayers will house the departments of Psychology, Technology and Engineering, and Mathematical, Computing and Information Sciences, as well as Academic Computing Services.

Board member Jim Bennett, who chairs the board's athletic committee, suggested that \$3 million to fund improvements to JSU's athletic training facilities be added to a future bond issue. The funds would be the first phase in a wider plan to upgrade the University's athletic facilities.

This first phase would include improvements to the Fieldhouse and to Pete Matthews Coliseum, including office space, film and meeting rooms, and improvements to weight-training rooms. The

first phase of the plan also includes construction of a soccer field adjacent to the Abbott Field baseball complex, and improvement of the track and field facilities.

"The way to build fan interest (in athletics) is to have winning programs," Bennet said. "To do that you need to have adequate training facilities." Bennet said the current facilities have not been upgraded in nearly 20 years.

Kennamer said that construction of the roadway to the top of Chimney Peak is 24 percent complete. The road will lead to the future site of JSU's observatory. A telescope for the observatory has been donated to the University, and is in storage on campus.

In another joint venture with GSCC, the Ford Economic Center in Gadsden is 95 percent complete, and is expected to be finished this month. The board will hold its next meeting at the Ford Center on Apr. 15.



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# SGA is looking for interested JSU students to fill senate vacancies

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer News Editor

The SGA's senate is in need of interested students. Nine of the original 35 senators from last semester are gone.

According to Robert Hayes, the SGA's director of publicity, some students were no longer able to work in the senate because of their class schedules, thus leaving the senate with openings.

While every student is an automatic member of the SGA, students interested in becoming senators must be elected into the position. There are 35 elected seats in the senate, and a requirement for the seat is at least a 2.5 GPA.

The senators deal with student concerns. JSU's Web

site reported, "All legislative power shall be vested in the Student Senate." Another duty the senate possesses is the ability to make a Presidential veto with a two-thirds majority of the student senate.

**"All legislative power shall be vested in the Student Senate."**

## --SGA Constitution

Hayes said that the senate is looking for diversity and they welcome traditional and non-traditional students. "We encourage the non-traditional (students), because we try to represent everybody and remember who is JSU," he

said. "We can't do that with just a section of 20-year olds."

Hayes believes the senators are "very important to the University because student government is in the hands of the students." He also said, "They should be visible on campus and they should hear what the other students want."

"The students are welcome to join," said Jordan Brewer, SGA senator. "If they care about what goes on and they want a hand in everything that's happening as far as the students are concerned on campus, then they should be a senator. Your vote actually does count and what you say actually does matter."

Brewer said the senators are "there to represent the students on what they want." He also said that one of the most rewarding aspects of being a senator is "knowing what's actually going on."

Brewer went on to explain

that the SGA does a lot of planning behind activities at the University and "it's good to have people in there that care about what's going on and that's what the SGA is for."

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Jordan Brewer

As Crystal Roden, SGA senator, said, "We make decisions that affect everybody and we change things that everybody wants changed."

She also said, "You hear from people and they tell you what they want changed, and we work with them. Sometimes we can't change it, but for the most part we try our best to."

Hayes said that being a senator "truly does make a difference." He went on to say "You get out what you put in. If you put your whole heart into something, then you're rewarded and I think a lot of senators could say that."

Hayes said anyone interested in becoming a senator should go to office 402 in the TMB. There you may speak with an executive officer, or talk to the senate's 1st vice president, Stephanie Janis.

Since elections for the 2001-02 academic year have passed, votes on appointing new students to the senate are held at SGA meetings. These meetings take place on the third floor of the TMB at 6 p.m., Monday.

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# Harvard professor traces history of 'N' word in new book

By Roddie Burris  
Knight Rider Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Randall Kennedy soon could have America uttering the unspeakable.

The Harvard Law School professor's new book, "Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word," officially goes on sale Tuesday in bookstores.

Arguably the most explosive pejorative in the English language, Kennedy's book traces the history of the word and its many uses. The word, Kennedy contends, offers a vista into American history that is unparalleled.

It's "a great vehicle for exploring America's race relations," the 47-year-old professor said in an interview, describing the "N" word as this country's "sound-track" for racism.

Kennedy, a native of Columbia, S.C., writes that the word had its origin in the Latin language as the word "niger,"

meaning black.

His book examines the word from there to its long and vicious use by whites to ascribe inferiority to blacks, on to its self-denigrating and affectionate use among African Americans as a term of endearment. Along the way, the 226-page work reopens sores in the psyche of U.S. culture and stirs debate about the word's place in the English language.

Should African Americans use the word, while taking offense at its use by white people? Black rappers, of course, use the "N" word as unflinchingly as the c-chord on a piano. Is that OK?

Kennedy concludes yes, saying the word has a place in the language because it tells a potent part of American history.

Virtually banned in polite company, the "N" word resurfaced in public life just last week.

South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges accused state Rep. Jake Knotts, R-Lexington, of using

the "N" word in objecting to having a black legislator represent part of Lexington County. Knotts said he did not use the epithet and was only passing on some constituents' concerns.

That furor struck Kennedy as poetic.

"What resonance," Kennedy said from Boston. "Some people say it's always destructive. I don't take that view. If you erase the word, how can you preserve the full history of racism?"

Kennedy notes in his book, for instance, how some elected South Carolina leaders, such as U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond, avoided the word. Others, including U.S. Sens. Ben Tillman and James Byrnes, used the "N" word almost casually.

"I want people to know that influential politicians used the word to describe (members of the black race)," Kennedy said.

In his book, Kennedy, who left South Carolina as a child and grew up in Washington, D.C., also writes how pervasive the

"N" word's use has been.

In his lifetime alone, baseball legend Henry Aaron, basketball star Michael Jordan, comedian Dick Gregory and golfer Tiger Woods have been called the "N" word, Kennedy writes.

While Kennedy would not ban the word, others would.

"I understand where the word came from, but it's a moral issue," said Midlands attorney Byron Gipson, a member of the S.C. Black Lawyers Association who thinks the "N" word should be avoided.

"It boils down to how you want to be addressed. If you hold somebody to a higher standard, then why wouldn't you want to uphold that standard yourself?" Gipson asked after hearing Kennedy defend his book on National Public Radio.

Gary E. Bell of Columbia, Kennedy's first cousin and one of several family members to whom the book is dedicated, reviewed the manuscript and said he urged Kennedy to include African Americans'

affectionate use of the "N" word.

"I use it among black folk," Bell said. "As I use it, I would be highly offended if a white person used it on me. A white person couldn't call me a n—— - and it be all right."

Bell said he admires his cousin for putting the word - in all its various meanings and connotations - in public discussion again. Whatever happens, "We respect him enough to know that he was sincere in writing the book."

New York publishing house Pantheon Books said Friday that the book has gone into a second printing, though it declined to release numbers.

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# Arthur Andersen admits auditors deleted Enron e-mails, documents last fall

By James Kuhnhen  
Knight Rider Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Arthur Andersen, the accounting firm that signed off on Enron Corp.'s questionable bookkeeping practices, said Tuesday that its auditors deleted e-mails and destroyed Enron documents last fall shortly after wary federal regulators had requested financial data about the sinking energy company.

Andersen said it fired the lead auditor on the Enron account, David B. Duncan, on Tuesday and that three other partners on the Enron account had been placed on administrative leave. In addition, four partners in Andersen's Houston office "have been relieved of their management responsibilities," Andersen said.

The revelations and the shakeup came as federal and congressional investigators broadened their probes into the collapse of the giant energy trading company and of

Andersen's role in Enron's financial dealings.

Enron, once the seventh-largest company in the country with political connections all the way to the White House, declared bankruptcy last month, leaving more than 4,000 workers jobless, wiping out the retirement savings of thousands more and bringing about financial losses to tens of thousands of investors.

Andersen on Tuesday described a pell-mell rush to destroy records following an "urgent meeting" of Enron auditors on Oct. 23. Andersen said Duncan called that meeting shortly after learning that Securities and Exchange Commission investigators had asked for Enron's financial accounting and reporting records.

"These activities were on such a scale and of such a nature as to remove any doubt that Andersen's policies and reasonable good judgment were violated," Andersen said in a statement.

The order to destroy documents came less than two weeks after an Andersen lawyer detailed the firm's document-shredding policy to its auditors.

October was a critical month for Enron. It was forced to disclose a \$1.2 billion charge against stockholders' equity because company debts had been concealed in a series of company-related partnerships. Days later, the SEC announced its investigation into those partnership transactions and by month's end, Enron had "locked down" its 401(k) plan and prohibited employees from selling Enron shares out of their accounts.

On Nov. 8, Andersen received a subpoena from the SEC seeking Enron documents, at which point Duncan's assistant e-mailed a plea to "stop the shredding." Andersen said it has been able to recover some documents from computerized backup files.

Duncan, who turned over auditing documents to the House Energy and

Commerce Committee, was scheduled to meet with committee investigators Wednesday at his lawyer's office in Washington.

"Now that he's been fired he should have more motivation to fully cooperate with us," committee spokesman Ken Johnson said.

In other developments Tuesday, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, the chairman of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, has asked the General Accounting Office to examine investments of employee retirement funds in company stock. The Maryland Democrat has scheduled a Feb. 12 hearing on investor protections in light of the Enron collapse.

The ranking Republican on the committee is Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, whose wife, Wendy, sat on Enron's board of directors and was a member of its audit committee.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Government Reform, sent letters to Energy Secretary

Spencer Abraham and the director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mitch Daniels, seeking details of any conversations they had with Enron chairman and CEO Kenneth Lay.

The administration said Tuesday that Lay spoke to Daniels in October to discuss an economic stimulus bill before Congress. The Energy Department said Abraham called Lay on Nov. 2 because he was worried about the impact Enron's precarious financial health would have on energy markets.

Waxman also released a video clip that he said was of Enron executives assuring employees in January 2001 that Enron stock would climb above \$100 a share by year's end. In reality, the stock had already peaked at \$90 and remained in a steady decline after that. At the same time that employees were being reassured, Enron directors and top executives were selling their stock, Waxman said.

## U.S. authorities to charge American Taliban Walker with aiding terrorism

By Lenny Savino  
Knight Rider Newspapers

WASHINGTON - John Walker Lindh was charged Tuesday with multiple counts of conspiring with and aiding terrorist organizations. The FBI said Walker told agents that he learned last June that Osama bin Laden had sent suicide bombers to the United States, and that he met personally with bin Laden.

Walker, son of a former Justice Department attorney and the only American known to have fought for al-Qaida, bin Laden's terrorist network, faces a possible life sentence. "(Walker) chose to fight with the Taliban, to train with al-Qaida, and to be led by Osama bin Laden," said Attorney General John Ashcroft, who announced the charges at a press conference Tuesday. "We may never know why he turned his back on our country and our values, but we cannot ignore that he did."

Walker, 20, who has been in solitary confinement aboard the USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea, will be turned over to the FBI this week. He will be held in Alexandria, Va. and tried in the federal courthouse there where another al-Qaida terrorism suspect, Zacarias Moussaoui, also faces trial.

Walker faces one count of conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens in Afghanistan, one count of providing material support and resources to al-Qaida and another for supporting Taliban. A final count is for "contributing goods and services to the Taliban." The first two charges are punishable by up to life in prison. The remaining two could each earn Walker another 10 years in prison.

So far, investigators have not found evidence against Walker to

justify a charge of treason, Ashcroft said, and possibly justify a death penalty. Treason requires an open confession in court or the testimony of two witnesses to separate acts of treason.

According to Walker's arrest affidavit, he told FBI agents that his instructor at an al Qaida terrorist training camp in al Farooq, Afghanistan, told him in early June that bin Laden had sent suicide bombers to attack U.S. targets.

At the same camp, bin Laden delivered inspirational talks, according to the arrest affidavit, and met privately with Walker and four other trainees to thank them for taking part in the jihad or holy war against the United States and its allies.

Walker's family met with their attorneys following Tuesday's announcement. "We now hope that we will see our son soon and give him the love and support he needs."

We are grateful to live in a nation that presumes innocence and withholds judgment until all of the facts are presented, and we pray for a just resolution of this case," the family said in a statement released by their attorneys.

"We are going to do everything in our power to make sure that John has a fair trial," said George Harris, one of Walker's attorneys. "Toward that end, we request that government officials who have, for the past six weeks been commenting on this case, ... cease their public speculation about this case and respect the presumption of innocence and the fair procedures that our Constitution guarantees to all American citizens."

Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., who represents Marin County where the family lives, responded to the



Passengers disembark from an Air Force C-141 at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba on Friday, Jan. 11, where prisoners from Afghanistan are being transported.

charges: "I am pleased that John Walker's case will be handled in the U.S. justice system. It's in everyone's best interest that he receive a fair and open trial just like every other American citizen."

More charges against Walker could follow. The investigation is not over, Ashcroft said.

Walker confessed to FBI agents after being read his Miranda rights in early December, according to the arrest affidavit. That was about two weeks after Walker responded uncooperatively to CIA personnel who sought to interview him at a makeshift prison in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan.

One CIA interrogator, Johnny Michael Spann, was killed in a prison uprising shortly afterward. Walker was shot in the leg in the incident but investigators found no

link between Walker and the killing of Spann.

Walker told FBI agents he did not see what happened to Spann or to the second CIA officer who sought to question him.

There were other important disclosures in the arrest affidavit.

While with his Taliban and al-Qaida allies, Walker learned about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S. immediately after they occurred.

Walker said he was aware that bin Laden had ordered the attacks and that more would follow.

During his training at al Farooq, Walker met with Abu Mohammad al-Misri, an Egyptian whom Walker understood to be the general manager of the training camps.

Al-Misri asked Walker if he was interested in conducting operations

against the United States and certain Israeli targets.

Walker chose instead to fight with the Taliban in a unit made up of foreign fighters trained by al-Qaida.

Ashcroft ruled out a military tribunal for Walker saying U.S. citizens were not eligible for them. Aides said it was Ashcroft, not President Bush, who decided to charge Walker through the U.S. judicial system.

Before Tuesday's announcement there was speculation that Walker was more a youth on a philosophical journey into Islam than a violent zealot out to kill Americans.

Ashcroft disagreed. "Youth is not absolution for treachery," he said. "And personal self-discovery is not an excuse to take up arms against your country."

## SGA working on parking concerns

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer News Editor

At Monday's SGA meeting, the senate discussed JSU's current parking situation. The parking committee passed out its second report and the senators will further discuss the matter at their Senate/SAC mid-year workshop on Friday.

On Jan. 10 the Senate Parking Committee talked with JSU Police Chief Nelson Coleman about the parking problems the University is facing.

According to an SGA handout, "There are not enough designated RED parking places to handle the present and growing student enrollment."

Another situation the handout mentioned was that "congestion is at its worst across campus from 8 am to 12 noon."

Suggestions have been offered to solve some of the University's problems. One idea was to create parking zones that are specifically

color coded, instead of the mixed blue and red areas that are used now.

A second idea was to create a commuting freshmen decal designation area. This section of parking would be the furthest from buildings.

A third idea was the creation of a new parking decal designation for campus residents. In this case, residents would have access to parking lots close to the dormitories.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the promotion of "Walk to Class Wednesdays" and an active participation in Higher Education Day, next month.

Kimber Merill was appointed Campus Safety Chairman for the academic year and several bills were passed on to the Constitutional Committee.

One of the bills passed to the committee for further discussion was a bill to make it mandatory for every senator to write at least one bill during their term.

Another bill passed to the committee was to amend part of the University's SGA Code of Laws. This amendment would state the duties of the office of publicity.

## SGA-sponsored concert still in planning stages

By Katie Harris  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA is planning a concert at JSU this spring. Although most of the specifics of the concert are still under consideration, several important factors have been decided.

Joy Boyd, 2nd vice president of SGA for student activities, and Robert Hayes, advertising director of the SGA, said they both have been planning for the concert every day since October of last year.

The first concern is the date of the concert. Most spring concerts hosted by JSU have taken place in March, however, this year may be different.

"I would like to have it in March but it may be April before we can have it," said Boyd. The tentative date though, is around the third week of March. "It's after basketball season and we can't get in the coliseum before then," explained Boyd.

Another concern is the price of tickets. The ticket price is solely based on the band's cost. "It will be anywhere from \$10 to \$15 for students and up to \$20 for non-JSU students, but it all depends on who we get," said Boyd.

Where to get tickets may also be different this year. "We don't know yet whether we're going to be selling tickets through Ticket Master or through the field house like we did last year," Boyd said.

Above all, the SGA is hoping to have a good turnout this year. "We always like to sell-out," Boyd said. The maximum occupancy of the coliseum is 4,000.

"I think it's inviting. A concert, there's just something to that," Hayes said. "People might not come to a hypnotist because they're not interested, but music is kind of the string that ties everyone together."

The SGA is expecting a bigger turnout of the community than from

the school. "We're trying to get a big crowd of not just students, but the community; we want something that they'll feel good about and enjoy," said Hayes.

"The students usually don't carry the weight as far as ticket sales are concerned," said Boyd. "Last year's concert was mostly made up of people from the community and surrounding areas." Boyd then said that the SGA wants most of the attendance to be students since the concert is for JSU. The SGA is hoping that a good turnout will generate more interest in the SGA and SGA-sponsored activities.

Regardless of the band, the SGA is not expecting all students to participate. "There's always going to be a certain percentage of students that don't appreciate [the band's] music or don't like their music," said Boyd. "It's really impossible to get someone that everybody likes. But we are trying to get someone with the most crossover appeal."

This year, the SGA is trying to get a bigger, more popular band than they have in the past. The process has been time consuming and difficult for Boyd and Hayes. "It's trial and error, kind of hit or miss. With the budget we have, we have to take a gamble. They may have a song or two that's good or they're on their way down from their height of popularity," Boyd said. "We are still trying to work out what group we are going to bring in."

The SGA hired an agent that has, according to Boyd, "been working around the clock to talk to these bands." Bands have to be negotiated with, one by one. "We were looking at Lifehouse but they are recording in March, so we're back to square one," said Boyd.

"I'll be just as excited as everyone else to figure out who we're going to get," said Boyd.

The SGA also plans on advertising for the concert. "Depending on

the band we'll probably do a lot of radio advertising," said Boyd. Hayes added, "K-98 gives us funding to advertise; we've found that it covers a pretty big (listening) area." They will also be advertising in local newspapers.

Boyd seemed to be looking forward to the concert as well as the relief of its ending. "The amount of work that goes into it is enormous! There's advertising, security, taking care of the artist from the time they get here until they leave, catering, securing an opening act, stage, sound, and basically transforming the coliseum into an arena." Hayes agreed, "There's so much work before a band is even secured."

The entire success of the concert is based on the budget that the SGA can spend. According to Boyd, the SGA has its own budget for the concert. In addition, Dr. William Meehan, President of JSU, has offered to loan the SGA up to \$25,000, depending on the band, to put on a bigger concert than those of the past.

This may seem like a lot of money, but once the money has been allotted there isn't much left. Boyd stated, "Stage and lights alone usually run \$10,000 to \$15,000 on top of the price of the group. Catering to the group and their road crew can cost \$2,500 to \$5,000, and we have to pay our agent 10 percent of the artists' cost."

Boyd has gotten a lot of student feedback. "I think that the popular misconception is that we can look at a group of bands that are touring in the spring and just pick off anybody we want and get them to come to our campus," she said. "Another thing people don't think about is, would a big group want to play for only a 4,000 seat-capacity auditorium?"

There's still another issue Boyd has to face. "The bigger bands have other states they're playing in and if they're touring in the northeast during the spring when we want to have our concert, then it's just not possible to get them to fly down here for our one-night show and go back on their tour. It's just not feasible," said Boyd.

When addressed with the issue of letting students vote for the band, Boyd said, "By the time we take out routing concerns, the bands popularity, and our budget there may only be one or two bands that fit the bill for the date we want. It's not really up to us either, it's more luck of the draw due to routing."

Boyd understands the frustration some students may be feeling. "I'm just as frustrated if not more so."

Boyd later said, "I wish I had all the answers at this point but I really don't. There will be a concert. The worst part now is trying to be patient and wait."



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## In Our View

### Business ...as usual

Stay in your place.

This seems to be the message Alabama is trying to send to our state's four-year colleges and universities.

The Joint Interim Legislative Committee on Higher Education Governance, formed to study ways to improve administration of Alabama's higher education institutions, plans to recommend condensing the state's various boards of trustees into one centralized board of regents.

Under the current system, the operation of schools such as Jacksonville State University is in the hands of each school's board of trustees. The trustees are appointed by the governor, usually after proving their knowledge of the needs and priorities of that particular institution.

The JILCHEG, however, seems to feel that the boards of trustees should be stripped of all administrative authority and reduced to advisory roles. Why the move toward centralization at a time when, as JSU Trustee Jim Bennett pointed out, "there is a move to decentralize government"?

George F. Landegger, the New York businessman chairing the JILCHEG, may have provided that answer when he told The Anniston Star, "The trustees have demonstrated dominant, aggressive, dictatorial power" in their current roles.

Dominant? Aggressive? Dictatorial? Whatever did the state's boards of trustees do to deserve such strong words?

For starters, they banded together in 2001 to speak out against proration. Along with the Higher Education Partnership, they became a major lobbying force in Montgomery. Alabama's politicians suddenly found themselves caught between the state's educational and business interests.

As he called December's special legislative session, Gov. Don Siegelman sought to close loopholes which have allowed several corporations to make millions of dollars doing business in Alabama without having to pay a dime in state taxes. An intense lobbying effort by the business community convinced the Legislature instead to pass a watered-down tax bill which spared the corporations and passed the tax burden to the people.

Still, big business (and the politicians they bankroll) got a wake-up call: The state's colleges and universities are getting a little too uppity. Maybe they can be better controlled if their administrative authority comes from Montgomery instead of "parochial" trustees.

Supporters of centralization point to Georgia to show how well a board of regents could work. However, as JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan pointed out, that system puts all colleges "in a pecking order," in which the state's flagship universities are prioritized at the expense of smaller institutions.

Besides, any success achieved under Georgia's board of regents can more accurately be traced not to centralization, but to a concept which seems to have escaped the Alabama Legislature: adequate funding of higher education.

## Beware the wrath of a wronged pedestrian

This is a fast-paced world screaming, "go, go, go."

Contemporary preferences of driving everywhere, fast-food, microwaves, speed, money, getting a leg up and driving one's teeth into the glory are all idols of America's pro-competitive culture. Competition brings out the best!

But there are a few places, oh yes, where you must slow down, stop even. It's the law. No, I'm not talking about stop lights, but things that should inspire as much caution: crosswalks.

According to Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson, drivers must stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. The fine for not doing so is \$112.

I'm making such a fuss over this because Jacksonville square has crosswalks that pedestrians often try to use and local drivers ignore. I'm sure many students who had to employ these crosswalks while buying books this semester will tell you the same.

The first time I went to the bookstore on the square this semester I walked across the crosswalk and into the store with no problem, due to the lack of traffic. After buying a huge Shakespeare tome, I walked back to the same crosswalk in the middle of the square and couldn't get across.

By Joshua W. Bingham  
The Chanticleer Managing Editor



I stood patiently to the side, trust

ing that vehicles would remember that I had the right of way and politely stop.

Traffic poured through the two southbound lanes like sand in the hourglass. My patience waned. I edged closer toward the road and looked into the eyes of the oncoming drivers. Some didn't realize I was there and some looked at me and kept right-on driving.

Perhaps the madness of Hamlet soaked in through my fingers as stepped into the brief pause of autos and looked at the cars speeding through the bend toward me. Luckily, there was an older man in the slow lane who naturally stopped for me. The car in the fast lane saw me, surely saw the other car stop, but didn't slow down until the last second. My madness held and I didn't waver. I then got into my truck with wonder.

I was driving through the square later that day and noticed a guy of the tall, noticeable persuasion standing beside the crosswalk

while autos ahead of me zoomed past. As is the law, I stopped and heard the car behind me apply the brakes in a quick fashion.

Come on! The square's speed limit is 25, probably in thought of the folks who wish to enjoy the island of grass twixt the asphalt and stores.

Yeah, but it sure is fun to zoom around the square, using both lanes, chanting "go Speed Rac-er, go Speed Rac-er, go Speed Racer go-o!"

I witnessed that the day our blessed government checks arrived and I again went to the bookstore on the square.

This time I used the crosswalk at the southern end of the square, where I would walk next to the posted sign that reads, "STOP for pedestrian in crosswalk." Well, as I walked from the store toward my truck docked at the grass island I defiantly trod before the traffic and my, how that sexy little Probe impressed me as it quickly changed lanes and sped closely by in the fast lane, surely under G-forces, without once touching the brakes.

As the gentleman drove by, I threw an arm up in annoyance at the afore mentioned sign, but I saw no response other than a slouched profile and a cocked arm above the steering wheel.

So here's my response, and the JPD's response, to such lacking techniques of driving - it's illegal. And though a policeman has to witness such a violation to stop somebody and give them a ticket, according to Thompson, if you are a wronged cross walker, get the tag number. Next, go before the magistrate and sign a complaint. The police will then be able to determine who was driving at the time and issue a ticket off the complaint.

Yes, in current times, with under \$1,000, anybody can buy a horseless chariot and make up for repression by being an equal on the asphalt river. But, let's remember the roads our ancestors once trod barefoot.

Give peace to the pedestrian.



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# Zeitgeist: a measure of our online curiosity in 2001

By Claudia Smith Brinson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Google, my favorite search engine, calls it the "Zeitgeist," a German word for the spirit of an age, the trend of thought in a particular time.

The Zeitgeist is Google's weekly, monthly -- and with 2001, its annual -- review of what we obsessively investigate. All day, every day, a count is taken as we read news, celebrities, toys, sports, movies, music. Thus is the measure of our curiosity assessed.

With more than 150 million queries a day, and extensive logs on those queries, Google should have a sense, as it claims, of "the collective focus of the online mind."

In 2001, our just-departed year, our online minds ranged from our ancestors to celebrities, from patriotism to ancient prophets. And always, it seems, back to babes.

The Google search engine offers a blank page, and a blank slot in which to type, with no prompts, topics such as your horoscope. "You enter what you're thinking. It comes basically from the person's head to the fingertips to Google," explains Barry Schnitt, a spokesman for Google.

So Google suspects it's counting exactly what we're thinking.

In January 2001, our fingertips were most often typing "Chinese New Year." In April, what we found most irresistible was looking up our grandparents and great-grandparents. That's

because the American Family Immigration History Center went online (www.ellislandrecords.org).

In June, we wondered about Timothy McVeigh, convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing and put to death by lethal injection. For his final statement, he read William Ernest Henley's "Invictus." We looked up the poem.

You might remember this poem because, like me, you might have memorized it as an adolescent -- as justification for defiance of parental edicts. It begins, "Out of the night that covers me, Black as the Pit from pole to pole," and ends, "I am the master of my fate/ I am the captain of my soul."

In July, we were interested in Chandra Levy, the Washington intern who disappeared in April, then became a cause celebre when linked with U.S. Rep. Gary Condit.

In August, we ruthlessly moved on to Aaliyah, a 22-year-old singer who died with eight others in a Bahama plane crash.

In September, for Americans, the world stopped. When we could take a shuddering breath, we wanted to see the World Trade Center, before and after. We wanted to know what happened, who died, who survived.

And we wanted an American flag to pledge allegiance to, to admire, to fly. So that's what we typed in: World Trade Center and American flag.

CNN was the place people went online to find out what was going on, and at a furious rate: more

than 6,000 queries a minute on Google. After CNN, our second-most-frequent destination was the World Trade Center, then the BBC, then the Pentagon, then msnbc.

Next, with a certain logic, we moved on to the end of the world and Nostradamus. A prophet whose fame likely exceeds his skill, he had the honor of not only being the focus of our fears and curiosity, but also the most misspelled query for the month.

When the "war on terrorism" began, our obsessions shifted to terms of war: daisy cutter, a bomb we've used; bunker buster, a laser-guided bomb used against caves and those in them; and AC-130, a gunship.

But, by the time winter approached, we had moved onto other online concerns, such as mourning Beatle George Harrison, comparing the Xbox to the PlayStation 2, comparing "Harry Potter" to "Lord of the Rings."

Are we curious or shallow? Or both? It could be that online queries reflect only transitory concerns. Or this really could be the zeitgeist of America: celebrities and entertainment, interspersed with intense but transitory concerns about Earth-rattling crises.

It's possible that the deep and lasting don't show up on computers. For that, perhaps, we'd have to enter bedrooms and kitchens, classrooms, libraries, therapists' offices or, at least, Gallup polls.

If you care to ponder this in depth, survey the Top 10 and Top

20 lists provided at [www.google.com/press/zeitgeist.html](http://www.google.com/press/zeitgeist.html).

Just keep this in mind: We might have been curious about anthrax and Osama bin Laden, but we didn't stop looking at Jennifer Lopez.

While Nostradamus and bin Laden are the men on our minds, Britney Spears and Pamela Anderson are the women.

So I'm uncomfortable with how we might define the American zeitgeist, according to Google. Here goes, anyway, taking Numero Uno from numerous lists: Britney Spears, Nostradamus, "Harry Potter," The Beatles, Counterstrike, Anna Kournikova, Windows XP.

I've always thought curiosity was a mark of intelligence. To keep learning, keep asking "Why?"

Online, evidently, what we ask is "What?" and "Who?" And the answer for 2001, the "spirit of the age," well, that seems to boil down to a buxom blonde chatting about "Loft Story" on her Nokia phone, while ordering Windows XP from amazon.com.

This is it, the land that we love, and this is what we think about -- online.

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## IN YOUR VIEW

**"Will you travel to Starkville, Miss., to see the Gamecocks play Mississippi State?"**

--Compiled by  
Callie Williams



**Rudolph Reid**  
Biology  
Freshman

*"Yes, because I love football."*



**Robert Hayes**  
Social Science  
Senior

*"Yes, because no matter where you are, it's great to be a Gamecock!"*



**Jori Kates**  
Drama/Communication  
Freshman

*"No, not unless a bunch of people were going."*



**Ray Stevens**  
MBA/Accounting  
Grad Student

*"No, because I'm not really interested in school sports here."*



**Jane Little**  
Communication  
Junior

*"Yes, if I had the time and money."*

## Letters to the Editor

### Fix the system with idealism of youth

In response to the recent "In Our View" on tax hikes in Alabama, I need to express the thoughts I have had ever since proration hit once again. I don't agree with taxing cell phone bills, and I don't agree with taxing large corporations, either.

Well, you may ask, how would I propose to fix the mess Alabama's education system is in? The thing is, I don't know, but I do know that no amount of money in the world will do it.

The mechanics of Alabama's educational funding are completely, for lack of a more educated

term, screwed up. Raising taxes of any kind would be like pumping gasoline into a car with a broken fuel system. You can pump all day long, but the machine won't move until you find and fix the real problem. Obviously, there's a hang up along the way, and the money going into the Government isn't getting into the schools.

The reason for this letter is to challenge the minds of this University, the future politicians and state employees. If you can use the education you are receiving to beat the pocket-lining "Good Ol' Boy" system, maybe you could make the future better for our children.

Use the idealism of youth to fix the real problem, or maybe, if it's

beyond repair, junk the whole darn automobile and get a new one.

Respectfully,  
Kellie Jones  
Student

### Paper should have reported passing

I feel it necessary to ask the editor of this publication where his staff's priorities lean when it comes to reporting news. While informative, the front page of this week's paper contained old news. I personally think it is disgraceful that the death of a professor who taught at this institution for 39

years was not even mentioned on any page of the paper.

There was not an announcement of any kind to inform those students who may not have heard about Dr. Taylor's death. The man deserves better than this callous attitude from students on this campus.

He was a respected member of the faculty, who was devoted to education. As one of his students, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to his family. I would also hope that he will not be forgotten by those who admired him. Dr. Taylor's presence will certainly be missed in the classrooms of the history department.

Pam Hill  
Student

# British police may take legal action against Prince Harry for marijuana use

By Vincent J. Schodolski  
Chicago Tribune

LONDON -- Police officials said Monday that they would look into Prince Harry's use of marijuana and could not rule out taking legal action against the 17-year-old heir to the British throne.

Harry returned to classes at exclusive Eton College on Monday after a meeting with his father and his father's friend, Camilla Parker Bowles, at Prince Charles' country house in Gloucestershire. At Eton, Harry is more sheltered from paparazzi.

Buckingham Palace issued a

statement Monday, saying Queen Elizabeth supports the way Charles has handled her grandson's use of drugs and alcohol.

"The queen shares the Prince of Wales's views on the seriousness of Prince Harry's behavior and supports the action which has been taken," the statement said. "She hopes the matter can now be considered as closed."

But, at least as far as the police and Eton officials, it was not.

"We are not in possession of any evidence that would justify us interviewing him," said a police spokesman in Wiltshire, where the alleged use of mari-

juana took place. "But (we) will of course consider and act, if appropriate, on any information provided."

Wiltshire police superintendent Mandy Evelyn added that Harry would be treated "exactly the same way" as any other teen.

Legal penalties for first time casual use of marijuana differ in Britain, but usually involve a warning and possibly some form of community service if charges are pressed and proven.

A spokesman for the Home Office said it was unlikely that police would bring charges against Harry since he had not been caught possessing, or using, marijuana. According to the British press, the prince smoked marijuana in a shed behind the Rattlebone Inn, the pub where he reportedly did his drinking.

According to Eton's headmaster, there are clear rules about drug abuse by Eton students.

"Any boy possessing, using,

or selling drugs at school during term can expect to forfeit his place," said John Lewis in a statement Monday. "In cases where concerns exist about a boy's possible involvement in drugs he will be counseled and warned, and urine tests are sometimes used to clarify the situation and if possible to put a boy in the clear, which is in fact the usual outcome."

The prince, third in line to the throne, admitted to his father that he had smoked marijuana and drank alcohol last summer when he was just 16. Both acts are illegal in this country where the minimum legal age for drinking without adult supervision is 18.

Responding to the confession, Charles arranged for a family friend to accompany the young man on a visit to Featherstone Lodge, a drug rehabilitation facility where Harry spoke with drug addicts and alcoholics who reportedly warned him about the ease with which one could

slip from casual use to addiction.

Questions also remained about the role played by bodyguards who accompany Harry at all times. Some observers speculated that the guards could have stopped, or facilitated, the prince's actions. But palace officials said the guards generally try to remain unobtrusive and probably would not have accompanied him closely in the pub, or to the shed.

London newspapers, especially the tabloids, followed the story of the prince's troubles in great detail Monday, including photo layouts of Harry with numerous girls, sometimes in various degrees of embrace.

The coverage lead to a warning by the Press Complaints Commission, the industry's self-regulatory body. The warning reminded newspaper editors about the strict privacy rules to which they had agreed regarding coverage of Harry and his older brother Prince William.

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## Staying fit in the new year: Advice on keeping your New Year's resolution this time

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

One of the most promised, and most broken, New Year's resolutions often involves losing weight and getting fit. This year you don't have to break that plan.

With JSU's many programs and resources, any student can maintain a high level of fitness and wellness.

Stress is one of the biggest problems in college students' lives, according to CampusBlues.com, a Web site devoted to student life. The first thing students must do to manage their stress level is to identify their symptoms of stress and then find ways to alleviate it.

"Everybody's a little different, so there's **not** a universal sign (of stress) because **different** people deal with stress differently," said JSU Wellness Center Director Jim McLaughlin. "In some cases it **could** be high blood pressure and in others it **could** manifest itself in **more** aggressive **behavior**, irritability, things like that. There's just so many different avenues that people can express that with."

One way students can deal with stress is by doing some type of physical activity. "It's just a good stress **reliever** to come in when you get out of class, if you've got an hour or so



The Chanticleer/Rebecca Spores  
Students take advantage of the equipment in Stephenson Hall's cardio room.

to kill in between classes (and workout)," said JSU Assistant Director of Recreational Sports Eric Brasher. "(If) you don't want to go sit down and eat junk food somewhere or just watch TV, you can come in and burn some calories and get in shape."

Running is a popular form of physical activity on campus, as is working out at gyms like Stephenson Hall or Pete Matthews Coliseum. However, just running will not fulfill your body's need to work every muscle group, according to McLaughlin. "The downside of only doing one activity is that you use certain muscles when you run, but you use different muscles when you ride a bike, for example," he said.

"The best program would

incorporate a variety of activities because even if you run all the time ... you still have a risk of overuse injuries for those muscles and ... a risk of muscle imbalances because there are certain muscles that you don't use when you run."

Running also can be hard on your body, according to McLaughlin. "Running will burn more calories than any other activity, but structurally, running is really hard on some people," he said. "Their knees hurt or their feet hurt. Especially for people who are overweight, running may be too vigorous for them to start, so that's why a lot of people will start walking first before they run, which is fine."

see **Wellness**, page 12

## You're getting sleepy, very sleepy ...

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Have you ever caught yourself clucking like a chicken in the cafeteria? Perhaps you've sung like Michael Jackson in front of a room full of friends?

If you haven't done either of these things, you quite possibly may when noted author and behavioral therapist Dr. Gary Laundre comes to JSU's Leone Cole Auditorium. Laundre "brings authenticity to the often misunderstood phenomenon of hypnosis," according to the Kramer Entertainment Web site.

The SGA decided to bring Laundre to entertain students

because he is "something different and almost mysterious," according to SGA Director of Publicity Robert Hayes. "A lot of people aren't really sure if the whole hypnotist thing really works," he said.

Laundre has written several reviews and articles in medical magazines and Web sites. His book, "How To Expand Your Comfort Zone," teaches readers how to bring success to their lives through "mind tuning," according to amazon.com.

Laundre will be on campus the entire day Jan. 24, performing "teasers" at lunch and dinner time in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. The actual show will take place that night at 7:00.

## Weird times for "The Real World"

By Allan Johnson  
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

CHICAGO — "I came into the house on uncertain grounds, and I leave on uncertain grounds," Kyle writes in a letter, oblivious to the cameraman peering over his shoulder.

That scene on the final day of shooting in the Wicker Park location wasn't the only uncertain moment. Shooting "The Real World" in Chicago this past summer and fall was a lesson in uncertainty:

There were protests surrounding the shooting of the MTV reality series as part of opposition to the Wicker Park neighborhood's overall gentrification.

There were reactions to the very real events of the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11 that were caught on tape and promise to provide a different kind of drama that hasn't been seen in the series' 11-season history.

Finally, there is the uncertainty that reality television in general is

going through, with declining ratings, a glut in the genre and the real events of Sept. 11 overshadowing TV's make-believe reality.

Not that any of this is on Kyle's mind as he writes a letter to a fellow housemate — one that he shared a brief fling with. It is one of six letters that he is working on — one for each of the cast members. As he writes, several of the 33 cameras that are situated throughout the loft are capturing his moves on this, the last full day of taping.

"A lot of times there's just things I want to put on paper to give to people," Kyle, 22, explains later. "And I needed to write those letters as closure. I had a lot of things I needed to say and wrap up with each one of my roommates."

With cameras constantly whirring, little is ever private on "The Real World," which has its season premiere on Tuesday.

Because MTV agreed to allow the producers of the series to produce a season in the summer not

see **Real World**, page 14

## Seeking enlightenment? Author suggests washing dishes, sweeping floor

By Richard Chin  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

In these troubled times, when we're trying to scarf up all the tranquility, spiritual growth and enlightenment that we can lay our hands on, what a surprise to learn that the answer may be no farther away than the nearest toilet.

At least, that's the message from a new little paperback book, "Sweeping Changes: Discovering the Joy of Zen in Everyday Tasks" (Broadway Books, \$10.95).

In it, author and longtime Zen Buddhist Gary Thorp attempts to show how serenity, understanding and heightened sensation can be found in annoying repetitive

chores.

According to Thorp, meditation doesn't have to be confined to a formal Zen practice. It can be done while washing the car or sweeping the floor. Think of it this way: I haiku housework, not I hate housework.

"Zen uses whatever is at hand," Thorp writes. "It is in the action of picking up your shoes

and placing them side by side. It's opening a jar or writing a check for the water bill."

Here for example, is Thorp on washing the dishes: "Wash the dish. Totally. Hold nothing back. Feel the warmth of the water. Look at the reflection of the light on the surfaces of things. Let your fingers touch the sides of the knife blade, the flat of the

spatula, the rim of the dishpan. ... When you wash and dry a single spoon and give it your full attention, you are expressing care for the entire universe."

Or maybe you can find insights in charred food: "When you clean the top of your stove, you can consider the perfect circles

see **Zen**, page 12

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The best workout program, according to McLaughlin, would include something such as running, which works the lower body, as well as an activity which would work the upper body, like swimming. "In terms of cardiovascular exercise, the more muscle groups you use, the better off you're going to be," he said. "Then you have less risk of doing too much of one thing and you have more of a chance to develop muscle balance."

Diet is also an important part of staying healthy. Many college students often make simple mistakes when choosing what and when to eat. Eating smaller meals, including breakfast, will increase your chances of being less hungry throughout the day and provide more energy for your body, according to McLaughlin.

"(By) eating smaller meals, it's easier to maintain a normal blood sugar level because if you don't eat for long periods of time, your blood sugar level could get low and that's what makes you feel hungry," he said. "So if you eat



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smaller meals throughout the day, you won't feel hungry as much because you're eating more regularly and you're less likely to overeat in any single meal because you're eating more often and your blood sugar level will stay a lot more stable."

Fast food is a staple in students' diets, but there are healthy fast food alternatives. Even eating fried fish or chicken sandwiches at fast food restaurants, contrary to popular belief, are not as healthy as they seem, according to McLaughlin. "People have this misconception that a fish or

chicken sandwich is better but it's not because they tend to fry them in the same oil they fry to french fries in," he said. "So the fat content is about the same."

Instead of downing a hamburger and fries everyday, McLaughlin recommends students get something like a salad or baked potato.

Students can keep their promise to themselves to stay fit in 2002 with a little bit of determination and the right information. "The good thing is," said Brasher, "a lot of students now are more health conscious."

**Zen:** from page 11

of the burners, the transience of the flame, the removal of smoke into the atmosphere by the fan, and the way time changes the warm into the cold."

You see a dirty toilet. Thorp sees a well of fulfillment: "Just try imagining your life without it. And the next time you begin to clean it, try approaching it in a more grateful way, taking it less for granted. As you scrub away, you can wish for all beings to be cleansed of impurities, greed, anger and delusion." Instead of cranking up the Walkman, "Use the time you dust to enhance your sense of touch. ... The idea is not to go over or around things, but to go into them."

Feeling disconnected? Grab a broom: "The act of sweeping unites us with our ancestors and with people all over the world. From cave-dwelling times until now, people have gathered bundles of straw and grass in order to sweep clean the flattened surfaces of their lives."

Thorp suggests that household

chores like changing a tire or recycling newspapers aren't mundane but heroic. "In a certain sense, just living your life does engender a type of courage, especially when you're fully aware of all the others who are in it with you."

Even changing the batteries in a flashlight can be an enlightening moment, if you "take a moment before throwing out the old ones to consider what they have brought to you, the things they have illuminated, the accidents they have prevented and the items they have helped you find. You can give them one moment of respect, one moment of thanks, one moment of thought."

And now, may we suggest that you experience the oneness of putting this newspaper in the recycling bin.

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# “Night at McCool’s” proves to be not so cool

By Abbey Herrin  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“One Night at McCool’s” is a quirky comedy. Unfortunately, it’s a bad one. With a cast including Matt Dillon, Liv Tyler, John Goodman, Paul Reiser and even Michael Douglas you can’t go wrong, right? Wrong.

Tyler stars as Jewel, a gold-digging vixen who uses her sexuality to hypnotize men and exploit them. Matt Dillon stars opposite as Randy, a beer-guzzling bartender at McCool’s, the local dive. The two of them instantly fall in love and begin living together. Randy obeys Jewel’s every command, even robbing nice houses in order to keep her satisfied. All the crime leaves Randy a fugitive of the law while Jewel takes over his house.

Not only is Randy entranced



Courtesy USA Films

Despite a star-studded cast, “One Night at McCool’s” is a comedic flop.

by Jewel’s beauty, so is his cousin Carl (Reiser), as well as Detective Dehling, played by Goodman. The movie focuses primarily on the predicaments that Carl, Dehling and Randy encounter in their exploits to win Jewel’s love.

Yes, it is as lame as it sounds. The characters in “One Night at

McCool’s” embody the stereotypical image of trailer trash, the types of individuals more likely to appear on “The Jerry Springer Show.” Randy inhabits a run-down house, serves tap water in coffee cups to guests and drives a battered Geo Metro. Likewise, Jewel adorns herself in spandex leopard-print gear and plenty of gaudy red lipstick.

Because the characters are so trashy, the shenanigans they become involved in are trashy. This is highlighted in the movie’s climax, which contains Reiser sprinting through town in racy S&M leather gear.

Even though the movie stars some great talent, none of them shine. Also, some strange casting choices are evident in this film. Why the hell is Reba McIntyre in the movie? Hmmm, perplexing.

Besides a very few amusing parts, “One Night at McCool’s” is a disappointment. The movie tries time and time again to be funny and fails miserably almost every time. So, when perusing through the movie store, don’t be fooled by the flashy cover unless you want to waste an hour and a half.

## Drive By Truckers

### Southern Rock Opera

★★★ 1/2

Review by Nick Cristiano  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The Who notwithstanding, the term “rock opera” has always meant for this listener silly self-indulgence and artistic pretentiousness. That’s not what you get here, though.

With “Southern Rock Opera,” one of today’s best Southern rock bands delivers a raggedly heartfelt but clear-eyed paean to the music and the culture that spawned it, and to Lynyrd Skynyrd in particular, the dedication refers to the ill-fated group as “America’s Greatest



Courtesy Soul Dump Records

Rock and Roll Band.”

Told from the perspective of someone who came of age in the ’70s, the set is rich in detail and sweep. The Truckers employ the Skynyrd-style lineup of three guitars, and cranks them up -- following the command of the cut “Let There Be Rock.” The two-disc set could benefit from a bit of pruning, but somewhere, no doubt, Ronnie Van Zant is smiling.

## Concrete Blonde

### Group Therapy

★★★ 1/2

Review by A.D. Amorosi  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

In the glory days of moody Californian punk (Nuns, X), Concrete Blonde was the thinking man’s Heart. The music’s brooding, passive-aggressive moan neatly suited singer Johnette Napolitano’s nihilism/romanticism to forge a poplike sound that was sexy, forlorn and poplike, in an angular way. Eight years after Blonde’s previous CD, “Group Therapy” seems more urgent than previous outings, but still bittersweet.

Her usual detachment gener-



Courtesy Manifesto

ally intact, Napolitano blows her cool just long enough to shatter the subjects of “Violent” and “Fried,” “Therapy’s” most frenetic and forceful songs. However, the band continues its penchant for Mexican imagery (“Your Llorona”) and gothic amour, and pays tribute to Bryan Ferry on “Roxy.” Like him, Napolitano lays her sensualist rhetoric on thick with the tenderest of vocal tones, for a most welcome return.

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## Real World: from page 11

long after the previous one in New York wrapped up (the series usually films during the latter part of winter), the series finally made it to Chicago several months ago.

"I think after our third season people started asking, 'When are you going to go to Chicago?'" says executive producer Jon Murray. "And we were stubborn about it because we really wanted to come to Chicago when the weather was nice. And finally MTV gave us this chance to shoot a season over the summer. I'm glad we waited because I really think this city does become the eighth roommate. It is spectacularly looking."

Indeed, the season premiere includes all the things that say Chicago, including shots of elevated trains, shops along Michigan Avenue, the trendy clubs on the city's North Side, and views from the John Hancock Building.

"I'll be working here in Chicago for the next three or four months," says Chris, 24, another member of the house. "I have a job related to my career working with an artist on an exhibit. So it will be an amazing experience for me. Chicago's been wonderful."

But not all of Chicago. Some of the housemates' neighbors chose the series shoot as a rallying point for their cause.

"The protests seemed to be directly related to something that was specifically happening in this neighborhood," Murray explains, "which was there were a small group of artists who were concerned about gentrification."

"I guess I wasn't surprised because I've learned not to be surprised at anything. But ultimately, luckily, where the cast certainly had a week or two there where they were certainly bothered by it, and at times felt a little unsafe, ultimately in some ways it made them bond with each other."

Because of the protests and a double slaying that occurred nearby, security was tightened at the loft.

"In the beginning it was the safety issue, and we really dealt with that accordingly, like having a security guard here," says Anthony Dominici, who produced the Chicago filming. He wouldn't say if elements of the protests will be included in the series.

"There were some hard times," says 22-year-old housemate Cara. "Now I can look at it retrospectively and I can say it was great, it was fun. I think if you'd asked me (a few months ago) I would have been like, 'Get me out of here!'"

Kyle, in defense of his city, says, "It's important to establish that it's

not how the city reacted. It's a very vocal, very small group within this section of the city. Chicago did not reject us. A band of people in the area that we live in tried to ... when we went to other areas in the city we were embraced, people were enthusiastic, people were very

what they had seen because they were down there near Ground Zero. And Cara's brother works at the Capitol. So it was relating to them directly."

Aneesa, a 20-year-old Philadelphia gay woman whose free spirit promises to be a much-

Riverside, Calif., adds: "Being taped on Sept. 11 was really the most time I never at all paid attention to the camera. It was more so trying to imagine what people were going through. We see so much stuff on TV. You would be there watching it, (but) it was like it wasn't real ..."

Viewers will see Theo and the other housemates as they deal with their emotions on Sept. 11 and other issues — even if the way those feelings come across will be manipulated somewhat via cameras, editing and other storytelling techniques.

"I don't think anything's going to shock my dad. I didn't do too much stuff," says Keri, 22, of New Orleans. "I didn't meet that many guys, which is fine. But I'm going to grit my teeth anyway ... I haven't seen it yet."

Keri shouldn't worry too much. Even though "The Real World" is very much a series with a cast of characters and continuing story lines, lead director Laura Korkoian says the production very much realizes that these seven young people aren't made up like those on "Dawson's Creek."

"I do see them as real people; they are real people with real experiences," she says. "They all bring a lot of different experiences into this mix. And that's the beauty of this project for me, is that they come from different backgrounds, different life experiences, culture backgrounds."

Many with the cast and crew of "The Real World" believe the show is a viable one, even if it seems that most other reality series, including CBS' "Survivor," are losing their popularity.

"It's a documentary on seven people's lives at a certain time," Dominici says. "I think that's the very simple and most basic form of all the reality shows."



Chicago Tribune/Charles Osgood  
Keri Evans, 22, is one of seven members of the cast of "The Real World" that was shot in Chicago's Wicker Park.

accommodating."

But Tonya, a 22-year-old from Walla Walla, Wash., notes: "I think with everything that happened with Sept. 11, those protests seemed so trivial."

They were especially trivial after the uncertainty brought about by the events of Sept. 11. Murray says he broke with the show's tradition and brought a television into the house to allow roommates to keep up on what was happening to the country after the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

"It's really the first time this generation has had an event like that, that made them think about their mortality, made them realize that their world is not maybe as controllable as they thought it was," he says.

"They were getting calls. Kyle's sister and ex-girlfriend were both in New York, and he's getting calls from them, hysterical calls about

talked-about topic on the series, says that it will be good to have the cameras showing young people "actually feeling and praying and being really involved ... just to show that we're all going through something that's really big right now."

Housemate Theo, 20, of

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# the Funny Bone

## Useless Quiz

- 1.) What was the name of Matthew McConaughey's character in the 1995 film "Boys on the Side?"
- 2.) At fifteen years old, what famous soul singer was arrested and sent to jail for stealing clothes out of parked cars?
- 3.) What childhood ice figure-skating partners made skating history in 1968 when they were the youngest pairs team America ever sent to the Olympic Games?
- 4.) Helen Keller developed her sense of what in order to identify her friends?
- 5.) What country has won more total medals at the Winter Olympic Games than any other nation?
- 6.) True or False: In the beach scene near the end of the Beatles' film "Help!" John Lennon could not be present so they had another actor stand in for him.
- 7.) USA Today reported in 1998 that more than 40 percent of American households with children have what in their homes?
- 8.) The average American will eat how many cookies in their lifetime?
- 9.) What famous military leader was always depicted with his hand in his jacket because he suffered from "chronic nervous itching?"
- 10.) A 1991 Gallup survey indicated that what percentage of Americans didn't know that white bread is made from wheat?

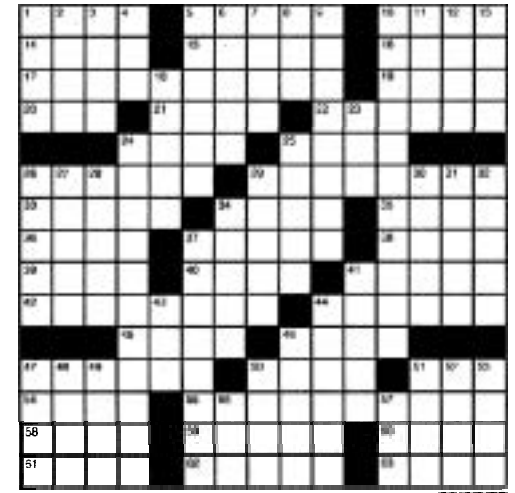
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| 2.) James Brown   | 7.) Guns        |
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| 6.) Bonaparte     |                 |



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  - 15 Christmas tune
  - 16 Take on
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  - 33 Like a rainbow
  - 34 Car on call
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  - 36 Skiers' ride
  - 37 Savory jelly
  - 38 Assumed a reclining position
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  - 45 Prickly plants
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  - 6 Pulp writers
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  - 8 canal
  - 9 Long scarf
  - 10 Hypersensitive
  - 11 Sovereign's chief steward
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  - 18 Caught sight of
  - 23 College cheer
  - 24 Near that place
  - 25 The South
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# HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk  
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)  
Jan. 21-27

**Aries** (March 21-April 20). Social triangles may require diplomacy over the next three days. Watch for gossip, romantic speculation or unexpected invitations. For many Aries natives new relationships this week will be controversial and slightly humorous. Expect potential lovers to be poorly informed or overly focused on small details. After midweek family relations are accented. Minor disputes or schedule conflicts may require an almost constant effort. There's much to discuss. Stay alert.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20). Loved ones will ask probing questions this week. Pay special attention to unusual social facts, sudden denials or late cancellations. Key discussions, proposals or fast explanations may offer an important glimpse into the fears of a friend or lover. Don't be unnerved. Romantic honesty, although revealing, is now a positive influence. Rely on humor. A cheerful or philosophic attitude will ensure progress. After Friday financial demands will steadily increase. Avoid new debt.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). Before Wednesday outstanding paperwork or official duties may cause confusion. Handle all details quickly. Financial negotiations and signed documents will soon offer valid long-term

rewards. Ask authority figures for special favors; you won't be disappointed. After midweek watch for a close friend or lover to expand key relationships or finalize home arrangements. Go slow with property or financial decisions, however. New information will arrive early next week.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22). Past romantic ideals are now a strong influence: early this week a rare sensitivity toward yesterday's love affairs may arrive. Remain open to sudden flashes of wisdom. Insights concerning old decisions or past social regrets may this week bring emotional freedom into your life. After Saturday preplan financial or business strategies. Before mid-February a revised source of income or controversial job opportunity may require a fast and difficult choice.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). Emotional and physical energy are now due to increase. Before mid-week expect a recent period of sluggishness or emotional reflection to fade. Listen to the wisdom of the body; minor aches or pains will now begin to slowly evolve toward health, fitness and vitality. For many Leos this is a positive time to change diet, exercise or sleep habits. After Friday enjoy social activities, laughter and new romantic intimacy. Connecting with trusted friends will create a positive outlook.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stalled communications

between lovers or ongoing family disagreements will now end. Before Thursday expect a new perspective or attitude to arrive in intimate relationships. Many Virgos will now begin five weeks of increased emotional and business security. Watch both loved ones and business officials for small but meaningful signs of improvement. Late Saturday discuss your financial or career ideas. Feedback from others will now bring clarity and direction.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An unexpected but delightful romantic attraction may now be on the agenda. Early Tuesday watch for a fresh social celebrations and private romantic flirtations. Previously distant or shy loved ones may this week express complex ideals, desires and motivations. Remain cautious, however. Old sentiments or past differences may also be an important factor. After Friday rest and gather vital social information from friends. Love relationships are now changing.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends and lovers are nostalgic this week. Expect loved ones to question your present social plans and openly discuss past romantic mistakes. Refuse to be drawn into speculation or intense discussions. This is not the right time to explain your actions or cater to the insecurities of others. After Thursday a colleague may ask for an expanded short-term commitment. Respond quickly. Over the next eight days, complex pro-

jects will require a team effort for success.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Clearly state romantic or social intentions early this week. Loved ones will respond positively to your emotional confidence. After midweek romantic dreams, sensuality and creativity are difficult to resist. Many Sagittarians will now strongly benefit from artistic pursuits, educational programs and renewed romantic commitments. Friday through Sunday a family member may be moody or withdrawn. Be supportive. Finances and long-term security are now a key concern.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). New business routines will captivate your attention over the next few days. Expect colleagues and office managers to request detailed reports or explanations. Don't be derailed by conflicting or scattered duties. After Thursday work habits and schedules will return to normal. Later this week a close friend or relative may ask for delicate romantic advice. Remain attentive to small emotional issues. At present, loved ones will greatly appreciate fresh ideas and suggestions.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Business communications will be intense early this week: before midweek watch for a colleague or key official to make unexpected changes to office duties, expectations or procedures. Stay balanced, however. By early next week a positive atmosphere of team work and

cooperation will be established. After Friday expect a renewed interest in love and social enjoyment to arrive. Search out recently despondent loved ones or distant friends. Valuable progress is likely.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20). Long-term romantic and family relationships will now require delicate discussions. Before midweek loved ones may be insecure concerning their business abilities or financial lives. Self-doubt will fade in the days and weeks to come: in the meantime, avoid being temporarily drawn into negative gossip or idle speculations. After Friday exercise and new dietary habits will bring much needed physical energy. Evaluate and change daily routines, if at all possible.

**If your birthday is this week . . .** expect authority figures and older relatives to be moody and unresponsive for the next nine weeks. At present, controversial ideas or extra work may create tensions in previously positive business relationships. Although presently stalled, career progress will be rapid this year. After early April expect a seven-month period of small projects, fast promotions and unique job proposals to arrive. Some Aquarians may also dramatically change their home or romantic commitments this year. Watch for intriguing proposals in early summer.

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# SPORTS

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## Gamecock men drop two; continue trend of last minute nail-biters

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The men's basketball team is so close to having a winning record in the conference. They are so close to making miraculous comebacks during the final moments of a game.

The Gamecocks have played six-straight games that have been decided by six points or less. They've come from behind in all of them. But, they've only been able to win two of them.

Too bad for the Gamecocks there are no moral victories in college basketball, and it's no fun losing games that maybe should've been won.

Head coach Mike LaPlante and the Gamecocks lost to Stetson and Belmont in heartbreaking fashion last week.

The Gamecocks fell to Stetson (5-7, 2-4) by a score of 89-83 in front of 1,422 fans at the Edmunds Center last Monday.

"We had our chances," said LaPlante. "We just didn't stop

them when we needed to. I thought we did a pretty good job on offense."

JSU scored a season-high 83 points and shot 44.8 percent for the game. But the Hatters out-muscled the Gamecocks to gain a 40-26 advantage on the boards. Stetson recorded 18 offensive rebounds, and that proved to be the difference in the game.

The Gamecocks opened the game with a 3-pointer by Jay Heard to take the early lead. The two teams battled back and forth during the first half, but Stetson would out-shoot its way past JSU in the second half.

Stetson opened the second half on a 13-5 run to extend the lead to 14 points, 51-39, after Santos Hampton scored on a tip-in. Hampton finished the game with 12 points and eight rebounds.

The Hatters pushed the lead to 19 points midway through the half, 62-43, after Ravii Givens drove to the hole for a lay-up with 10:17 remaining in the con-

test. Givens finished the game with 24 points to lead four Stetson players in double-figures.

The Gamecocks were hoping to slice the lead after "Poonie" Richardson hit a 3-pointer with 29 seconds remaining in the game. The shot made the score 84-78, but the Gamecocks would get no closer. Richardson finished the game with a career-high 21 points.

Stetson connected on 14-of-15 shots to seal the victory and snap a four-game losing streak of its own. The two teams combined to shoot 66 free throws, with both teams hitting 26.

Heard finished with 15 points and six steals, while Josh "Sleepy" Perry came off the bench to score 12 points and grab eight rebounds.

The Gamecocks tried to give the home crowd a treat when they hosted Belmont (7-7, 4-3) last Thursday.

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Sophomore guard Emerson Brown dishes it during last week's game against Belmont.

## Gamecocks to face first SEC foe

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Have you heard?

The football team is playing a Southeastern Conference school next season.

The Jacksonville State football team moved one step closer to becoming a more respected team by signing to play the Bulldogs of Mississippi State next season. The game has been scheduled for Sept. 7.

"It's been our goal to continue to increase and enhance scheduling the last two years," said Athletic Director Tom Seitz. "I think there's a perceptual value to playing an SEC school."

"I'm looking forward to it," said head coach Jack Crowe. "It's something Tom (Seitz) and I have worked on trying to get for a couple of years now. It's something I think we ought to do every year."

The University will receive \$225,000 just for making the trip to Starkville, Miss. The game will also mark the most JSU has ever been paid to play a single game in the school's history, according to Seitz.

The contest will mark the first time the Gamecock football team



JSU's Gamecocks will square off against Mississippi State on Sept. 7 this year.

has played a SEC opponent. The game will also give the team a chance to range their talent level during the start of the season and make any early personnel changes. It could also give the team some confidence going into conference play.

Next season will also be the final year the Gamecocks will compete in the Southland Football League. JSU will officially be in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2003.

"The last two years, we have played three Division I-A games," said Seitz. "We've been fortunate enough to beat the Division I schools on our schedule."

The Gamecocks have had recent success against I-A opponents the last two seasons with victories over Louisiana-Lafayette during

the 2000 season and Arkansas State last season, during its homecoming.

"Now, we will play JSU's first game against an SEC opponent and against a premier I-A conference member," said Seitz.

"This is the direction we want to go with our scheduling. Hopefully, we'll continue in that direction."

The football game against Mississippi State is scheduled as the second game of the season. Other non-conference schools that are scheduled for next season are Alabama A&M, Georgia Southern, Samford and Tennessee Tech.

Seitz said the 2002 football schedule should be finalized and ready to be released by the end of the month.

## Gators' Spurrier finds new home with NFL's struggling Redskins

By Warner Hessler  
Daily Press (KRT)

ASHBURN, Va. -- Marty Schottenheimer took the high road out of Washington on Monday, thanking Redskins' owner Dan Snyder for the opportunity to get back into coaching after a two-year layoff and saying the team has enough talent to win the NFC East Division title in 2002.

He also left town with \$10 million, the full amount of his four-year contract, for 54 weeks of work.

Later Tuesday, former University of Florida coach Steve Spurrier will drive down the streets of gold leading to Redskin Park and become the team's fourth head coach in 13 months.

Spurrier, who accepted the job late Sunday afternoon, has a contract that will pay him \$25 million over five years.

Snyder was not at the training facility Monday, but he sent a

prepared statement praising the successful, offensive-minded college coach he tried to hire last season before turning to Schottenheimer.

"Steve Spurrier will bring a supercharged, exciting and dynamic brand of football to our great fans," Snyder said. "His ability to energize players and teams in unprecedented."

Spurrier, who compiled a 122-27-1 record at Florida over 12 seasons, is scheduled to arrive in Washington in the afternoon, sign his contract and appear at a press conference at 6 p.m. Last week, Spurrier said he would like to see how his pass-happy attack that averaged 35 points per game, 310 passing yards and 460 yards in college would work on the pro level.

"I'm intrigued to see if my style of offense, my style of coaching, can be successful at the NFL level," he said. "I need to find that out before I com-

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# Gamecock women break 10-game losing streak, but fall to Belmont 70-60

## From Staff Reports

Head coach Dana Austin and the Gamecocks finally ended a losing streak Samford (1-14, 0-4 A-Sun), but were unable to con- winning after falling to Belmont last Thursday.

Freshman Shanika Freeman came off the bench to score 16 points and haul 10 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks over last Tuesday, 77-65. The win snapped a 10-game los- for the JSU and the longest losing streak in school history.

"We needed this win," said Austin. "We are young and still learning and we needed a win to boost our confidence."

Samford scored the first basket of the game, but that was the only time the Bulldogs would lead in the first half. JSU led by as many as 13 points before the break. At the half the Bulldogs cut the lead to only four, 38-34.

"I think we lost our composure a little at the end of the first half

and the beginning of the second half," said Austin. "But when we got back up by one we stepped on their throats."

JSU went up again by as many as 13 points in the second half and found a way to finish Samford off by 12 points

Sophomore Kelly Nye had 15 points and five assists on the night for the Gamecocks. Junior point guard McKell Copeland tallied 11 points, four assists and four steals, while freshman "Fred" Embry contributed with 11 points.

The Gamecocks tried to start a winning streak, but matters weren't as easy when they faced Belmont (11-1, 5-0 A-Sun) last Thursday.

JSU tried to build a little momentum going into the contest against the Lady Bruins and gain its first victory over Belmont.

For a while, the momentum seemed to be working, but the Lady Bruins displayed why they are atop the division during the final 12 minutes of the game and

left "The Pete" with a 70-60 win.

The Achilles heel for the Gamecocks continues to be turnovers. JSU committed 26 overall, with 14 of those coming in the crucial minutes of the second half.

"We are still turning the ball over," said Austin. "If we could have gotten some of those turnovers back, then it might've been a different result."

"The turnovers killed us. We just weren't executing at the end," said Austin.

Things got off to a good start for the Gamecocks as they built a 10-point advantage with 8:30 left in the first half at 26-16. However, Belmont made a 20-8 run to end the first half with a 36-34 advantage.

The Gamecocks went head-to-head with the Lady Bruins until 8:19 left in the game. Lisa Baswell hit a three-pointer to give JSU a 51-50 lead, but that would be one of the last five shots JSU would be able to make for the rest of the game.

"It was just a breakdown," said

Freeman, who led JSU with 17 points and 10 rebounds. "We didn't contest a shot and we really didn't know who we had."

"I think we were pumped at the start, but we could never just seem to get the lead back," concluded Freeman.

Also scoring in double-figures for JSU was Baswell and Tiara Eady, each finishing with 11 points. For Belmont, Chasity Campbell led all scorers with 22 points. Erica Davenport netted 12 points while Natalie Brown and Missy Walker each had 11.

JSU (2-11, 1-5) will travel to



Courtesy The Anniston Star/J.C. Lewis  
Freshman guard Freddricka Embry takes a shot during last week's game against Belmont.

Florida to face Stetson on Saturday. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m.

## Atlantic Sun Men's Basketball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Jacksonville	6	2	.750	12	5	.706
Samford	6	2	.750	9	7	.563
Troy State	5	2	.714	9	5	.643
Florida Atlantic	6	3	.667	9	6	.600
Georgia State	5	3	.625	9	6	.600
Belmont	5	3	.625	8	7	.533
UCF	4	5	.444	8	7	.533
Stetson	2	6	.250	5	9	.357
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.273</b>
Campbell	2	6	.250	4	11	.267
Mercer	1	6	.143	3	13	.188

## Recent results:

### Jan. 12

Campbell 91, Stetson 82  
Belmont 66, Samford 60  
Jacksonville 84, Georgia State 72  
UCF 81, Mercer 71  
Troy State 107, Florida Atlantic 100 (2 OT)

### Jan. 10

Georgia State 89, Stetson 73  
Jacksonville 67, Campbell 53  
Florida Atlantic 94, Mercer 73  
Troy State 85, UCF 74  
**Belmont 74, Jacksonville State 72**

## Upcoming games:

### Jan. 17

Troy State at Stetson  
Campbell at Samford  
Mercer at Jacksonville  
Belmont at UCF  
**Georgia State at Jacksonville State (7:00)**  
**Jan. 19**  
Mercer at Stetson  
**Campbell at Jacksonville State (7:00)**  
Georgia State at Samford  
Troy State at Jacksonville  
Belmont at Florida Atlantic

## Atlantic Sun Women's Basketball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Belmont	6	0	1.000	12	1	.923
UCF	5	1	.833	9	6	.600
Stetson	4	2	.667	5	8	.385
Florida Atlantic	4	2	.667	6	8	.429
Campbell	3	2	.600	5	7	.417
Georgia State	3	1	.750	7	4	.636
Troy State	2	2	.500	3	8	.273
Mercer	1	3	.250	4	7	.364
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.167</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.154</b>
Samford	0	5	.000	1	11	.083
Jacksonville	0	6	.000	1	12	.077

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Georgia State 90, Jacksonville 60  
Belmont 92, Samford 60

### Jan. 10

**Belmont 70, Jacksonville State 60**

## Upcoming games:

### Jan. 14

Stetson at Georgia State  
Jacksonville at Campbell  
Troy State at UCF  
Mercer at Florida Atlantic

### Jan. 19

**Jacksonville State at Stetson (1:00)**  
Belmont at Florida Atlantic  
Samford at Jacksonville  
Georgia State at Mercer  
Campbell at Troy State

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Well, the treat quickly turned sour after the 2,105 fans witnessed the Gamecocks blow their largest lead of the season and a comfortable lead with just over a minute left in the game.

Belmont hit a couple of shots late in the game and connected with a pair of free throws to leave "The Pete" with a 74-72 come-from-behind victory over the Gamecocks.

"This was a tough one to lose," said LaPlante. "We had them down in the second half, but they managed to make some shots and get right back in the game."

"It comes down to players making plays. At some point in time, for us to be successful, someone's got to make the plays that wins the game."

Burtner seemed to make all of the plays down the stretch for Belmont. He finished with 18 points. Adam Sonn led all scorers with 25 points.

Burtner dropped two-straight free throws with just over 4 seconds remaining in the game to lift the Bruins over the Gamecocks.

"If I can't knock down two free throws, I probably shouldn't be playing," said Burtner. "Being a senior, I think those plays are

expected of you."

Jax State opened the second half and built a 14-point lead, JSU's largest of the season, after Heard hit a 3-pointer with 16:48 remaining in the game.

The Gamecocks held a 72-67 lead with 1:27 left in the second half after Heard hit another 3-pointer to get the crowd on their feet. Then, Belmont began to make a run.

Will Howard-Downs hit a pair of free throws, followed by a 3-pointer by Steve Drabyn with 55 seconds remaining in the game.

JSU had a chance to take the lead in the final 20 seconds, but Emerson "Downtown" Brown's shot was off and Belmont grabbed the rebound and connected on a pair of foul shots to seal the victory.

"He (Brown) had the confidence to go ahead and shoot it," said LaPlante. "It wasn't the play we designed. It was the one we ended up getting."

Omar Barlett finished with his second double-double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Richardson contributed with 15 points for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks will host defending conference champion Georgia State tonight. Tip-off is set for 7 at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

## 2001 quite a year for athletics

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



I was flipping through my November issue of ESPN The Magazine last week and saw a picture of Ashley Martin amongst a group of Gamecocks after her historic game against Cumberland on August 30.

I mention that moment because I began to think about all of the positive things that happened in 2001 for Jax State athletics.

The Gamecock softball team got the ball rolling by winning the Trans America Athletic Conference championship in its final year of existence. They beat some really good teams along the way. The softball team beat teams like Coastal Carolina, Michigan State, UAB, Georgia Southern and Troy State. JSU was also within a point of beating Mississippi State. Thank you, Coach Jana McGinnis and of course, Gamecocks.

Former head baseball coach Rudy Abbott got his 1,000th career victory and a field and highway named in his honor.

We began the fall semester with media attention running rampant in lil'ol Jacksonville. The news of a female kicker made everyone interested in JSU and Ashley Martin. Not only did Ashley play in a football game, but she also broke records by scoring three times. Martin had numerous articles and news casts featuring her accomplishment.

Everyone was talking about Jax State and that pretty girl who played football in Alabama. Come on now, you know that JSU was the place to be for a minute.

Let me jump back to football for a moment. JSU had more players earn SFL Player-of-the-Week honors than any other team this season. We had the number one punt returner (Neika Willis) in the nation, an offense that ranked as high as second in total offense and we were nationally ranked at number 20. We also had a running back (Rondy Rogers) that made everyone take notice and players who played with confidence and heart.

Man, we were thinking far beyond the playoffs around here. A lot of the fans envisioned thoughts of a conference and national championship around the campus community.

The Gamecocks began the season with an unprecedented 4-0 start and a heap of respect going

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# One on one with "Thrill:" Jay Heard

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

I don't think that there's ever been more hype about a player who'd never played for the Gamecocks than the hype that surrounded Jay Heard before the start of the 2000-01 basketball season.

Everyone and their mom were asking about Jay Heard last season. He had to sit out one season because he transferred from Auburn. He hasn't quite lived up to all of the hype YET, but he's far from a disappointment. A lot is expected of a player who was second in 3-point shots at Auburn. Heard also scorched Arkansas for 15 points during the 2000 SEC championship game. Who knows how good the Gamecocks will be once he gets ALL of his mechanics working correctly here at JSU?

**Thrill:** What's up, Jay?

**Jay:** Nothin'.

**Thrill:** I guess that I will begin by asking you how frustrating this is for you to finally get back on the court and then begin the season like we have? I'm sure you thought things would be a little different.

**Jay:** I think that everyone expected us to have a better start. The season isn't over yet. We just have to keep playing hard and hopefully, the tables will turn.

**Thrill:** What happened against Belmont last Saturday? We were dominating them and then they began to play like Dan Dickau and Gonzaga.

**Jay:** We've had a lot of trouble closing out games this year. We've got to learn how to play 40 minutes and not 30 and 35 minutes.

**Thrill:** Do you think that you guys will turn things around before the A-Sun tournament?

**Jay:** Yeah, I hope so. They're only letting eight teams go this year. So, we're goin' to have to get in the eighth spot and see what happens from there.

**Thrill:** Is the team lacking a key element right now? Do you think you all could use more players at key positions?

**Jay:** No. I think we have great chemistry and plenty of talent to win. We're just losing a lot of tough games. Hopefully, the guys can keep their heads up and



Junior guard Jay Heard.

we can get out of this.

**Thrill:** How confident are you that we'll beat Georgia State tonight? They can be beaten. Jacksonville University beat them over the weekend. Do you think that we can beat them?

**Jay:** I think anyone can be beaten on any given night in this league. Hopefully, we can get a victory against them tonight.

**Thrill:** Why did you transfer from Auburn University to come to JSU? You looked to be on your way to a promising career at an SEC school.

**Jay:** After we won the SEC championship I began to think about my future more. I was basically a role player over there. Coach LaPlante got the job over here and I felt like I could become a starter here. I wanted to better myself.

**Thrill:** How much of a difference is the talent level from Auburn to Jax State? Be honest.

**Jay:** When I was at Auburn we had Chris Porter, Doc (Robinson) and Mamadou (N'Diaye). Obviously, all of those guys are good enough to play in that league. They're all playing for money. I think we have the athletes to play in this league.

**Thrill:** Do you ever regret that you transferred?

**Jay:** No, no. You can never regret the decision that you've made. You just have to be a man about it and take whatever comes.

**Thrill:** Let's talk about something besides basketball. (Pause.) What's the worst job that you've ever worked?

**Jay:** (Laughs.) I guess you can consider me spoiled. I worked out at the Anniston Ice House the summer after my senior year in high school. That wasn't really bad or anything, it's just the only job I've ever had.

**Thrill:** What do you think about the women at Jax State?

**Jay:** Man, we have some nice

women here. This is a great campus, ya know?

**Thrill:** Give me two women that you would love to date.

**Jay:** Ooh, man. That's a tough one. Halle Berry and Jennifer Lopez.

**Thrill:** I know what I wanted to ask you. What did you think when you heard about the fraternity party during Halloween at Auburn last semester? Is it like that at Auburn?

**Jay:** You know what? I don't know whether that was a racist act or an extreme joke. I never saw anything like that when I was at Auburn. But, we are in the south and it does exist. I don't think they thought all of that would get out like it did.

**Thrill:** Tell me who's going to the Super Bowl. I gotta go with St. Louis and Oakland.

**"We've got to learn how to play 40 minutes and not 30 and 35 minutes."**

--Junior guard  
Jay Heard

**Jay:** (Laughs.) I guess that we can both run with them. Those two teams look unstoppable right now.

**Thrill:** How's your relationship with head coach Mike LaPlante?

**Jay:** It's great. He recruited me out of high school. I was at Auburn with him for two years. It's a good situation to play for someone that believes in you.

**Thrill:** Is there a single player who you modeled your game after or tried to imitate as a child?

**Jay:** I've never really watched a lot of NBA games as a child. I guess I would have to say, "Ray Allen." I like his game.

**Thrill:** Who's the best player you've ever played against or with?

**Jay:** I've played against Mike Miller, who is with the Magic now. The Kentucky team had a lot of NBA players on it. I guess that you play against a lot of good players in the SEC.

**Thrill:** Now, your name isn't really Jay. It's Japheth, isn't it? Does that have a special meaning?

**Jay:** No, not really. It's a bibli-

cal name and my dad is a religious person and he gave me that name when I was younger. I don't use it because most people don't pronounce it right.

**Thrill:** Do you have any nicknames or aliases.

**Jay:** Nah, people just call me Jay.

**Thrill:** Tell me two guards in the NBA who you would hate to guard, past or present.

**Jay:** Michael Jordan and Vince Carter. Both of those players will put you on a poster.

**Thrill:** (Both laugh.) What was the last CD you bought?

**Jay:** "Word of Mouth," Ludacris.

**Thrill:** What goes through your mind before a game? Do you have a pre-game ritual?

**Jay:** I try to find that comfort zone and keep myself from being too silly and tense. I'm focused and relaxed.

**Thrill:** Does the team have any trash talkers?

**Jay:** Yeah. People talk trash in practice after somebody gets dunked on. I would have to say Carl (Brown) and Omar (Barlett). No, I got to say, "Sleepy."

**Thrill:** "Sleepy?"

**Jay:** Yeah, Josh Perry is the biggest trash talker on the team. He rights a list before practice and puts a check by the names of players he's dunked on.

**Thrill:** (Both laugh.) Let's do some free association. Redd Foxx. ("Fred" on Sanford & Son)

**Jay:** Funny guy.

**Thrill:** Jennifer Lopez and Nia Long.

**Jay:** Fine and fine. (Both laugh.)

**Thrill:** Oxford Yellow Jackets. (Jay's high school team)

**Jay:** (Laughs.) My old high school.

**Thrill:** The NBA.

**Jay:** Hopefully, I will have a chance to be there one day.

**Thrill:** Dirk Nowitzk. (Dallas Mavericks forward)

**Jay:** A great player. He's seven-foot and can handle a ball well. That's serious.

**Thrill:** Omar Barlett.

**Jay:** Great player that plays with a lot of passion. He's just a hard worker.

**Thrill:** That's it man. Thanks for the time.

**Jay:** All right, man. Thank you.

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pletely hang it up.”

The final part of the puzzle, the hiring of a general manager who would report to Snyder and be a buffer between the coach and owner, may take time. Retired Green Bay Packers' general manager Ron Wolf went on record Monday afternoon saying he wasn't interested in the job, and another possible candidate, general manager Rich McKay of the Tampa Bay Bucs, is said to have removed his name from consideration.

A source in San Diego who is familiar with the team said negotiations with former Redskins' general manager Bobby Beathard appeared to have broken down. Beathard, the source said, was close to accepting the job Saturday but backed away for undisclosed reasons.

Pepper Rodgers, the Redskins' vice president of football operations and whose relationship with Spurrier may have played a role in getting him to Washington, said the team is considering “a lot of guys on the GM list” and that a final decision will “take time.”

Tim Ruskell, Tampa Bay's director of player personnel who was scouting director of the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits in the mid-1980s when Spurrier was the coach, is believed to be one of the leading candidates.

Schottenheimer, who owns a home near Charlotte and is expected to talk to the Carolina Panthers later in the week about filling their vacant coaching position, spoke with the media for about 40 minutes Monday morning before returning to his office to pack up his belongings.

He confirmed reports that his refusal to give back control of personnel matters to Snyder as the reason the owner-coach relationship, which seemed so strong when he was hired Jan. 3, 2001, blew up after the first year of his four-year contract.

“Dan Snyder and I have agreed on many things,” Schottenheimer said. “The issue we could not resolve, however, involved selecting players who would make up the Washington Redskins' roster. I have great respect for the privilege of ownership. However, the opportunity to determine the composition of the roster was the most important

element in my decision to accept this position.

“Dan and I have a different perspective in regard to how you manage the personnel side, and Dan's the owner. I think stability enhances your opportunity to be successful, but Dan Snyder is owner of the Washington Redskins. He is entitled to make whatever decision he chooses.”

When he hired Schottenheimer last January, Snyder said: “This is Marty Schottenheimer's organization from a standpoint of the final word. This is something he needs to have.”

A team source said Snyder had two reasons for going back on his word.

One, he needed to remove control of the scouting department, the college draft, and final say on personnel decisions relative to the salary cap from Schottenheimer to make the GM's position attractive to candidates for the job.

Two, the source said Snyder is a hands-on owner who “didn't have any fun” this past season with Schottenheimer having the final vote on all personnel decisions.

The end came Sunday after-

noon when Schottenheimer refused to relinquish control and Snyder received an agreement by phone from Spurrier. Schottenheimer was summoned back to the training facility around 7 p.m., and was fired.

“It was a difficult decision for Marty because he had poured so much into the season,” said Tom Condon, Schottenheimer's agent. “I believe he would have continued as head coach if he had given up the final say in personnel matters.

“The bottom line, though, is Marty didn't want to change the deal. He wanted to continue to go along with it.”

And, Monday morning, he remained steadfast in his belief that he was on the right track with a team that started 0-5 and finished with eight victories in the last 11 games.

“It was my belief that our way would have been the most successful way to do that,” he said, “but it's Dan Snyder's team.

“I appreciate the opportunity Dan gave me, and I recognize he feels differently now than he did a year ago. In this business, there are two roads, and the only one I know to take is the high road.”

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into a Sept. 15 game against McNeese State. And then, on Sep. 11, the unthinkable happened. It seems like nothing really mattered after that occurred. It really showed in the records of our sports after Sept. 11.

The Gamecocks are presently fighting to have successful seasons in both men's and women's basketball. They both had a very good recruiting class to come in over the summer and look like they could be poised for the future. We were able to get players like “Poonie” Richardson, Heather Shepard, Omar Barlett and Shanika Freeman. Not to mention the many other talented players that JSU signed during the off-season.

Maybe patience is the key for us Gamecock supporters. Both squads seem to get better as the season progresses. Maybe it's simply going to take a little bit of time before the two squads find their rhythm on the court.

We'll just have to wait and see.

Tonight will be a good time to check out the men's team when they host defending champions Georgia State. Tip-off is set for 7 at “The Pete.”

Go Gamecocks!

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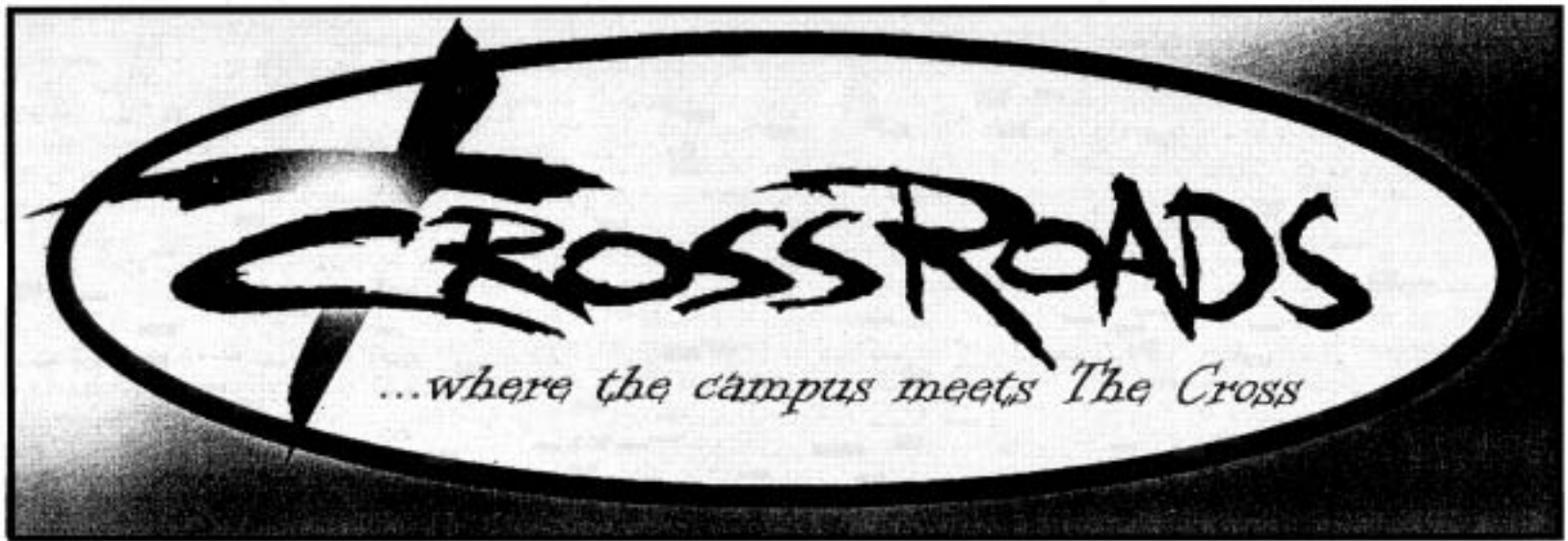
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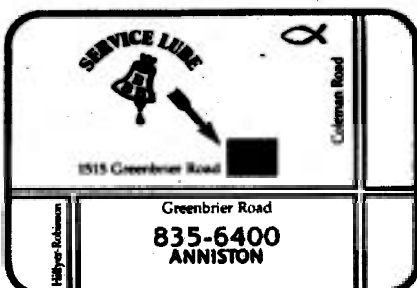
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